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The Honorable Leonard Lance
Member, United States House of
Representatives
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Dear Mr. Leonard:

Thank you for your communication of October 10, 2012, to the Chief of Legislative Affairs on behalf of Information Systems Technician Second Class (b) (6), U.S. Navy, regarding his service at Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station (NCTS) Naples, Italy. NCTS Naples is a subordinate command of U.S. Fleet Cyber Command.

Petty Officer (b) (6) is assigned to NCTS Naples as a communications network administrator. In late September 2012, information came to the attention of the Commanding Officer of NCTS Naples that indicated Petty Officer (b) (6) may have improperly accessed email communications of other members of the command, including the Commanding Officer. After consulting with a legal advisor, the Commanding Officer requested that the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) conduct an impartial investigation into this information. As is customary during a criminal investigation and as a precautionary security measure while the investigation was proceeding, Petty Officer (b) (6) access to the communication networks in question was temporarily suspended and he was temporarily reassigned to another command in the local area.

The Commanding Officer of NCTS Naples met with Petty Officer (b) (6), at Petty Officer (b) (6) request, to discuss Petty Officer (b) (6) concerns about lack of information. The Commanding Officer directed Petty Officer (b) (6) supervisors to ensure that Petty Officer (b) (6) was kept informed about events within the command and that any requests that Petty Officer (b) (6) made were acted upon in a timely manner.

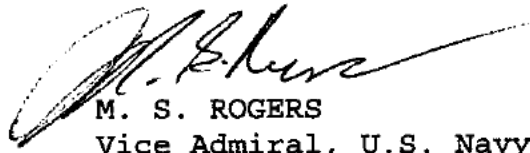
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The NCIS investigation was completed on October 25, 2012. Because the Commanding Officer's email account was one of the accounts potentially accessed, and in order to ensure that the investigative results were considered in a neutral and impartial manner, the Commanding Officer removed herself from further action in the case and forwarded the completed NCIS report to Commander, Navy Region Europe, Africa, and Southwest Asia, who serves as the Navy flag officer with area coordination responsibility for Naples.

The Navy Region Commander is currently reviewing the report of investigation and will decide what action, if any, should be taken. Petty Officer (b) (6) will be advised of that decision as soon as it is made.

Your desire to assist Petty Officer (b) (6) is appreciated. If I may be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy